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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PERMIT TO KILL GULLS TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO CLAMS IN MASSACHUSETTS

In accordance with an Order of the Secretary of Agriculture issued on January 20, 1932, permission is hereby granted to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_,

to shoot gulls during the period \_\_\_\_\_, 193\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 193\_\_, when necessary to prevent the destruction of clams, but subject to the following conditions and requirements:

The birds herein authorized to be shot shall not be so destroyed except on areas in which seed clams are being planted, on areas in which the bedding of clams is carried on as a business, or on areas where clam digging is authorized by State law, and then only from November 1 to April 30, when they are committing or are about to commit serious injury to such clams and it is necessary for the protection of the clams to kill the birds; no person shall shoot at or kill such gulls from artificial or natural blinds and they may not be killed between sunset and one-half hour before sunrise of any day; and every bird killed pursuant to the permission contained in this permit, and every part thereof, shall be totally destroyed as promptly as possible, and shall not be sold or offered for sale or shipped, transported, or carried in any manner except for the purpose of destruction in the immediate vicinity where killed: Provided, That such birds or parts thereof may be shipped or transported as a gift, but not for sale, to public, scientific, or educational institutions, and all packages containing such birds or parts thereof so shipped or transported shall be plainly and clearly marked to show the number and kinds of birds contained therein and the name and address of the shipper.

The permittee hereunder, shall, within 10 days after the expiration of this permit, transmit to the Chief, Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., a written report correctly setting forth the number of gulls killed by him hereunder and the disposition made thereof, and he also, at the same time, shall furnish the Director, Division of Fish and Game of the State of Massachusetts a copy of said report.

This permit shall not be valid unless countersigned by the Director, Division of Fish and Game of the State of Massachusetts, or his duly authorized representative, and shall be revocable in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture or of such State official.

*R. H. Dunlap*

Acting Secretary.

COUNTERSIGNED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Issuing official)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title of issuing official)

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 193\_\_.

